

Express Mail Number Ex 926113464 US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Application of:

Jeffrey A. Steward et al.

Examiner: L. Thanh

Serial No.: 09/475,548

Art Unit: 3763

Filed: December 30, 1999

Title: Medical Assembly With Transducer For Local Delivery Of A Therapeutic Substance And Method Of Using Same

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

*RECEIVED  
JAN 02 2004  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 2400*

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Thanh:

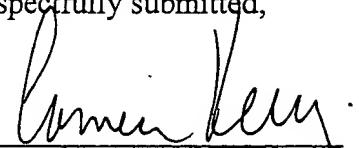
This is a response to the notice mailed on 2/20/02 having a one-month shortened statutory period to respond. As indicated in the notice, the response to the Office Action filed on 12/20/01 has been deemed non-responsive for failure to include a signature and date. A second copy of the Office Action is enclosed and has been properly signed and dated. Applicants request entrance and consideration of the response to the Office Action dated 7/27/01.

The Examiner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account 07-1850 for any extension of time fees as may be required.

Date: March 3, 2002

Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P.  
One Maritime Plaza, Suite 300  
San Francisco, CA 94111  
Telephone (415) 954-0200  
Facsimile (415) 391-2493

Respectfully submitted,

  
Cameron K. Kerrigan  
Attorney for Applicants  
Reg. No. 44,826